

Service Academy Nomination Packet

To: United States Service Academy Applicants

From: Congressman Tom Tancredo (Colorado's 6th Congressional District)

My office is now accepting applications for nomination to our United States service academies: the US Military Academy at West Point, the US Air Force Academy, the US Naval Academy, and the US Merchant Marine Academy. (The U.S. Coast Guard *does not* accept congressional nominations and has no geographical quotas. Applications for the Coast Guard Academy must be submitted directly to the Director of Admissions, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, CT 06320.)

The purpose of the nominating procedure is to present the academies with a group of qualified candidates. I am allowed five constituents attending an academy at any given time. Vacancies occur upon graduation, or if someone leaves prior to graduation. I may nominate ten candidates to compete for each vacancy assigned to my district. *No political affiliation is necessary to apply for a nomination.*

Ironically, I have no direct control over the final selection process. Each academy evaluates applicants according to its own criteria. The academy screening process determines which nominees are most qualified and who will ultimately be offered an appointment to the academy under my sponsorship. This method enables each candidate to compete on the basis of his or her own merit and qualifications. I believe it is the fairest approach to academy appointments.

It is my duty to nominate the most qualified candidates to represent the 6th Congressional District. Therefore, I am requiring that each applicant submit certain credentials that will be evaluated by my office and my Academy Advisory Board (the Board is made up of citizens from across the 6th Congressional District). **It is each applicant's responsibility to make sure my office receives this information on time: no later than October 19, 2007.** *The Board will interview qualified candidates on November 14th and 15th.* As a reminder, in September, my staff will notify each candidate what information is still needed to complete his/her file. In December, after reviewing the recommendations of the Advisory Board, I will submit the names of my selections to the respective academies. The academies will make their appointments in the Spring of 2008.

Each academy has their own requirements and you must fill out an application to the academies you are interested in attending. Qualifications for admission to academies are determined on an individual basis through evaluation of the "whole person concept." These include: scholastic examination scores, physical aptitude scores, class rank, grade point average, extracurricular activities, athletics, work experience, and medical examinations. You must meet the physical requirements established by each branch of the service; the academies will contact applicants directly concerning scheduling of a medical examination.

Candidates must meet the following Legal Requirements:

- Be a citizen of the United States;
- Be between 17 and 22 years of age by July 1 of the year of entry (2008);
- Be of good moral character;
- Be unmarried and have no legal requirement to provide support to a dependent;
- Be a resident of my district. My office will not consider any applicant who is not a resident of the 6th Congressional District of Colorado. Your legal residence, if you are a minor, is considered to be the same as your parents or legal guardians.

Each Applicant must not only meet the aforementioned legal requirements, but must also comply with the following in order to be considered for a nomination:

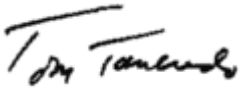
1. Complete an application form and submit it along with a **personal statement** (300 words) indicating *why you wish to attend a U.S. Service Academy*. This statement must indicate to me that you clearly understand the purpose of service academies: to train young men and women for careers as military officers.
2. Submit a recent **photograph**.
3. The Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and the American College Test (ACT) are another measure of each applicant's qualifications. I will accept ACT and/or SAT scores that are stamped on your *official* transcript. You may request the scores be transmitted directly to my office by using the **code 7305 on the ACT** test application form and **code 4715 on the SAT** application form. I recommend each applicant take the tests as often as possible to obtain the best score (only the highest score are used). **You must submit the results of at least one test in order to receive consideration for a nomination** (recommended minimum test scores are: SAT—580 verbal, 560 math; ACT--25 math, 24 English).
4. You are responsible for furnishing a copy of your **official high school transcript**. If you have attended, or are attending college, a copy of your college transcript is also required.
5. I am enclosing **two recommendation forms** for references. One should be completed by your **school counselor** and the other by a current/former high school **math or English** teacher. Have them return the forms to you and include them as part of your completed packet. If you have already graduated from high school, you may ask former teachers or college professors to complete the forms.

Only my office staff, the Advisory Board, and myself will see the applications and other statements. In order that your application may be given proper consideration, please comply with all requests and return your completed materials to:

The Honorable Tom Tancredo
240 Wilcox Street
Room 111
Castle Rock, CO 80104

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Terry in my district office at 303-688-3430. Thank you for your interest in serving this great nation as a member of the US armed forces. Good luck!

Sincerely,



Tom Tancredo
Member of Congress

Application for Service Academy Nomination

Office of Congressman Tom Tancredo

Please Type or Print:

Full Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Parents' or Guardians' Names: _____

Legal Address in Colorado:

Street: _____

City: _____ Zip code _____ - _____ County _____

Telephone Number: _____ Social Security #: _____

Email address: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Temporary Address: _____ Temp. Phone #: _____

High School: _____ Graduation Date: _____

High School GPA: _____ Counselor's Name: _____

My scores: SAT v-____m-____ ACT comp:_____ I plan to take/retake the SAT/ACT on: _____

If you are attending college, where: _____

ACADEMY PREFERENCE: Please list order of choice(s)--may be changed at any time

_____ Air Force Academy _____ Military Academy at West Point
_____ Merchant Marine Academy _____ Naval Academy

****** Please include on a separate sheet of paper a statement, of 300 words or less, describing why you wish to attend a U.S. Service Academy and make the military your career ******

ATHLETICS: (High School Only)

Sport	JV	Varsity	Letter	Captain
	9 10 11 12	9 10 11 12		
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EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

____ Boys'/Girls' State
____ President of Student Gov't
____ Other Student Officer
____ President of Class
____ Other Class Officer
____ Student Council Member
____ Officer in non-school club
____ Civil Air Patrol

____ School Band or Chorus
____ Editor/Publisher School paper/yearbook
____ Officer in School Club (____)
____ Language Club (____)
____ National Honor Society
____ Church Group
____ Eagle Scout
____ Science Club

Other: _____

Other: _____

SCHOLASTIC/ATHLETIC Special Awards: _____

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: _____

If you are employed, how many hours per week: After School _____ Summer _____

Describe the employment/work you have had: _____

PARENTS' OR GUARDIANS' CERTIFICATION

I (we) certify that I (we) are legal residents of the Sixth Congressional District of Colorado; and that my (our) permission is granted for this application to be filed and for the applicant to accept such nomination or appointment, if offered.

Signature

Signature

Date

ACADEMY APPLICANT COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATION FORM:

I. TO BE COMPLETED BY THE *APPLICANT*:

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

I understand this reference is confidential and that the information provided herein will not be released to anyone outside the Office of U. S. Representative Tom Tancredo.

(Signature of Applicant)

II. TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR COUNSELOR:

A. *Please indicate your evaluation of the Applicant in each of the following areas:*

PLEASE CIRCLE ONLY ONE FOR EACH AREA

5 = Excellent **4** = Outstanding **3** = Above Average **2** = Average **1** = Below Average

Ability to perform in a "pressured" environment:	5	4	3	2	1
Motivation / expression of interest in a military career:	5	4	3	2	1
Ability to initiate and complete a task without guidance:	5	4	3	2	1
Leadership qualities as exhibited by school participation:	5	4	3	2	1
Respect and tolerance for authority:	5	4	3	2	1
Impression of student as "well rounded":	5	4	3	2	1
Competitiveness:	5	4	3	2	1

B. *Comments:* (If you have any comments that you feel will aid us in evaluating the applicant as a prospective nominee, please write on the back of this sheet.)

Signed: _____ Title: _____

School: _____ Date: _____

ACADEMY APPLICANT TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM:

I. TO BE COMPLETED BY THE *APPLICANT*:

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

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(Signature of Applicant)

II. TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR MATH or ENGLISH TEACHER:

A. *I instructed the Applicant in the following subject:*

Subject: _____ Date: _____

B. *Please indicate your evaluation of the Applicant in each of the following areas:*

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